ऊना स्थित चीनी मिल चालू पेराई मौसम के दौरान पर्याप्त गन्ना न मिल पाने के कारण पेराई का कार्य शुरू नहीं कर सकी । पलाज स्थित चीनी मिल ने अपने बंद होने का कोई कारण सूचित नहीं किया है ।

(ग) मौसम में पेराई शुरू करने की जिम्मेदारी चीनी फैक्ट्री की होती है । तथापि, सरकार अपनी ओर से प्रत्येक वर्ष चीनी नीति की घोषणा करती है जिसका उद्देश्य चीनी फैक्ट्रियों की आर्थिक व्यावहार्यता में सुधार लाना है ।

(च) केन्द्र सरकार के पास इस समय ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन नहीं है ।

Procurement of Levy Rice

573. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the massive procurement of levy rice has contributed substantially to the huge food subsidy bill for the year 1993-94 ;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the levy prices for the year 1993-94 of super fine varieties have been fixed at Rs. 620.90 per quintal in Punjab and Rs. 616.00 per quintal in Haryana whereas the open market prices have often dipped way below in the course of the year ; and

(d) if so, what are the details of rice and wheat procured by FCI during the year 1993-94 (State-wise) and what would be its target for the year 1994-95 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) and (b) The food subsidy borne by the Government during 1993-94 (RE) is Rs. 5537 crores with consumer subsidy on rice at Rs. 179.30 per quintal as compared to Rs. 2785 crores with consumer subsidy on rice at Rs. 142.87 per quintal for the previous year 1992-93.

(c) Procurement prices of common, fine and superfine varieties of levy rice for the marketing season 1993-94 in respect of Punjab and Haryana are as under :—

(Rs. per quintal)

	Common	Fine	Superfine
Punjab	533.40	582.90	620.90
Haryana	529.20	578.25	616.00

Open market prices are dependent on the relative position of overall supply and demand of foodgrains in the market.

(d) The procurement of wheat and paddy for Central Pool under price support scheme being totally voluntary and the procurement of levy rice from millers/ traders being dependent on quantum of paddy purchased by them, no targets, as such, can be fixed for procurement of wheat and rice.

A statement showing quantities of rice and wheat procured for Central Pool during 1993-94 marketing seasin is attached.

STATEMENT

Quantities of Rice and Wheat producted by Food Corporation of India and State Procuring Agencies for Central Pool during 1993-94 *Marketing Season.*

S. No.	State	PROCUREMENT 1993-94 Maketing season	
		Rice (Including paddy in terms of rice)	Wheat
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	30.25	—
2.	Assam	0·04	—
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	—	—
4.	Bihar	0.03	—
5.	Haryana	12.42	34.54
6	Himachal Pradesh	—	0.01
7.	Karnataka	1.32	—
8.	Kerala	—	—
9.	Madhya Pradesh	7·74	2·42
10.	Maharashtra	0.76	—
11.	Orissa	3.17	—
12.	Punjab	54.67	64·94
13.	Rajasthan	0.21	4.96
14.	Uttar Pradesh	12.96	21.28
15.	West Bengal	1.33	—
16.	Chandigarh	0·25	neg.
17.	Delhi	0.05	0·20
18.	Pandicherry	0·02	—
	Total	125.22	128.35

Neg : Below 500 tonnes.

Rice : Figures as on 25-4-1994.

Wheat : For whole marketing seasons 1993-94

FALL IN SUGAR PRODUCTION

5074. SHRI SOM PAL :

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that fall is expected in sugar production during the current year ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ;

(c) what have been the country's total and state-wise breakdown of the acreage, production and yield per acre of sugarcane ; number and crushing capacity of sugar mills; crushing capacity as percentage of sugar cane production ; actuall quantity and percentage of cane crushed ; production and recovery of sugar ; and number, locations